

REMARKS

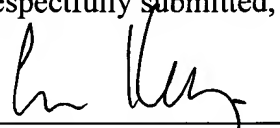
Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended for clarity, to better convey the invention. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the interview. As discussed in the interview, the present invention can perform two processing modes – namely, an inward three fold and a Z-fold. To accomplish these two modes, the present invention has a unique mechanism for controlling the movement of abutting members in accordance with the processing modes of the inward three fold and the Z-fold. In the cited reference, Kanou, Z-fold is disclosed. However, there is absolutely no disclosure of a mechanism for controlling the movement of the abutting members in order to perform both the processing modes of the inward three fold and the Z-fold. Applicant respectfully request removal of the rejection.

Since all claims are in a condition for allowance, please issue a Notice of Allowability so stating. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record.

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